

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Rockville, Magruder’s, Federal Realty Reach Agreements on Town Center

Grocery Chain Will Return as Key Part of Redeveloped Downtown

The Mayor and Council on July 28 unanimously approved an agreement with Magruder’s of Maryland that enables the grocery store chain that now has a store in a shopping center on North Washington Street to return as a key element of Rockville’s new Town Center.

Shortly after the approval of an agreement between the Rockville and Magruder’s, the City was informed that Magruder’s and Federal Realty Investment Trust reached an agreement that will make Magruder’s the operator of a 30,000-square-foot grocery store in the new Town Center.

That property, which will be located at the intersection of North Washington Street and Beall Avenue, will be owned by Federal Realty.

On July 31, Magruder’s opened a store in a plaza at Route 355 and College Parkway. This will ensure that the chain’s customers will have

easy access to a Magruder’s after the current location closes for about two years during the first phase of Town Center construction.

The agreement between the Rockville and Magruder’s calls for the City to pay the chain \$1.8 million in relocation expenses. Magruder’s customers at the new store in Town Center will have access to limited validated parking while shopping at the grocery.

“The City of Rockville, Federal Realty Investment Trust and Magruder’s are pleased to announced that they have reached an agreement that will allow Magruder’s to be part of the new Rockville Town Center,” reads part of the agreement approved by the Mayor and Council and Magruder’s. “Magruder’s understands the need for a strong Town Center and is excited about being a major contributor to its success and the long-term opportunity to continue our presence in



Magruder’s now operates a store at Route 355 and College Parkway (above), so Rockville customers will continue to be served by the grocery chain during Town Center construction.

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Information on Town Center is available from Rockville’s Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall at 240-314-8200. [RR](#)

Rockville Sees the Light for Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety has been a priority of the Mayor and Council for the past two years, and this fall, Rockville will introduce cutting edge technology in an effort to make two City streets safer.

Rockville, partnering with Montgomery County, will be the first jurisdiction in this region of Maryland to install lighted crosswalks. The City and County are funding two projects that will allow safer pedestrian crossings. One will be at the crossing of Chapman Avenue from the Twinbrook Metro station to the area of the DoubleTree Hotel complex. And one will be across Twinbrook Parkway near the

Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

The crosswalks will have lights in the pavement that are either activated by push button or automatically activated when a pedestrian approaches the crosswalk. The illumination will highlight the crosswalk, as well as serve as added warning to drivers that pedestrians are attempting to cross the street.

Each crosswalk will cost an estimated \$18,000 to \$20,000 dollars. The Chapman Avenue project has been coordinated with the regular street improvement schedule that called for the road to be resurfaced. This may keep costs lower.

“These two projects are the best use of lighted crosswalks,” said Larry Marcus, Rockville’s Chief of Traffic and Transportation. “They are most effective where there is little other traffic control—such as stop signs or traffic lights. And in these cases, we have one situation where there is heavy pedestrian traffic (Chapman Avenue) and another area where we have a considerable number of young children crossing a busy street (Twinbrook Parkway).”

The Twinbrook crossing will be operational this month and the second crosswalk should be lighting up City streets by this November. [RR](#)



A NIGHT TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME ... More than 50 Rockville neighborhoods participated in National Night Out on Aug. 5. National Night Out is an opportunity for communities to unite in the name of preventing crime and drugs. In cooperation with the Rockville City Police, McGruff the Crime Dog visited many of the neighborhoods, including College Gardens (pictured above), to meet local children around Rockville.

September’s Best of Rockville

Sept. 6

Doggie Dip Day. Pooches have a chance to cool off at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, 355 Martins Lane. 12 noon-4 p.m. \$1 donation. 240-314-8754. (story Page 2 main section)

Sept. 20

Taste of Rockville and Spirit of Rockville. Sample food from local restaurants, enjoy entertainment, browse Farmers’ Market and local vendors. Middle Lane Parking Lot. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 240-314-5022. (story Page 6 main section)



Sept. 27

Maryvale’s Finest! ‘A Blast From the Past.’ Enjoy highlights of performances as The Finest! brings back past members to join performers of today. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Civic Center Park. 7:30 p.m. 240-314-8633 for information. (story Page 8 main section)

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Rockville's RISE Program for Minority Youth Receives \$55K in State Grants

Program Puts Money Toward 'Youth Strategies' and 'Workforce Development'

The City of Rockville's RISE (Reaching Individual Self Empowerment) Program recently was awarded two state grants through the Montgomery County Collaboration Council, totaling about \$55,000, to help minority teenagers gain real-world work experience in government office settings.

The RISE Program was started in 1999 by City Youth, Family and Community Specialist Art Billings. The program, which originally formed with 10 children, brings minority children in grades 7-12 together for basic work and life skills development and educational support. The program has grown to 45 students and is now considered a state-wide model for excellence.

Community Services Specialist Sarah Gicale developed the winning grant proposals in conjunction with Billings.

Billings coordinated an effort with Montgomery County to apply the Workforce Development Grant. Working with the county's Land Records Office, RISE participants kicked off their "job experience training" initiative and traded in their rakes, shovels and gloves



Six RISE members (pictured above) collected leaves at the base of Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln Park. As part of a Workforce Development grant from the state, RISE members have the chance to work in an office this summer.

for ties, skirts and shined shoes as they transitioned into the world of office work.

"What a fantastic opportunity this is for the students," Billings said. "They experience what it's like to work in an office—a true professional environment—while building on the

work ethic they have already developed through their basic work/life skills."

RISE students are seen around Rockville, scouring littered parking lots, raking leaves, clearing cemeteries and much more. In return, the students receive a City of

Rockville check for \$25 to \$35 every two weeks. The program teaches the children that there is an alternative and choice involved in making life decisions. Billings instills a feeling of self-worth, responsibility and motivation to encourage the students to make better choices.

The work with Montgomery County began on Aug. 6. Montgomery County Department of Land Records Manager Fannie Stokes oversees their work, which primarily consists of filing, sorting documents, preparing envelopes and other duties based on skill level. A total of 12-18 RISE members will participate in the collaborative partnership with Montgomery County.

"I think this is a wonderful program," Stokes said. "A lot of times I get people who come to work with no job skills at all—things like how to behave in an office environment, or how to dress."

Billings said that Stokes was impressed with the way the RISE students presented themselves.

The program starts the teens off in the right direction, teaching them professionalism

in an actual office situation. As for the outdoor work, the progress of the RISE program has gained recognition on many levels. Billings' RISE program was one of 11 state after-school programs selected by the Maryland Governor's Office to be evaluated in consideration of using it as a basis for other after-school programs. The University of Maryland's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is conducting the study.

"We're excited to be recognized like this," Billings said. "These kids work hard. It's hot. The bugs are nagging them. And they show up and work until the job is done. Their commitment shows that the program is working. It's instilling a sense of responsibility that they will use throughout their lives in all areas of their life."

Some recent projects have included cleaning streets, grounds and yards in various neighborhoods, including snow removal and leaf collection for senior citizens and disabled individuals; ground maintenance at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, Lincoln Park and Twinbrook community centers; leaf and trash collection at Mount Calvary and Rockville cemeteries; and community information flier distribution for numerous organizations. **RR**

Focus on ROCKVILLE UNIVERSITY

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

It may not be a bachelor's, associate's, master's or one of those other costly degrees. But Rockville University, an eight-week course offered by the City, allows residents to learn a ton about Rockville and work toward a fine graduation ceremony, certificate and commencement gift.

The semester begins Sept. 18 and finishes on Nov. 20. Classes are usually held on Thursday evenings.

Students in Rockville University will meet once a week and learn where the City water comes from; who to call for a building permit; how the Council-Manager form of government works; and much more. Students also will meet other Rockville residents, cultivate civic leadership, get to know city staff and understand how tax dollars are being spent.

"I've already directly used some of the information I learned in how the local governments work, in my capacity as a board member for the Americana Centre," said recent Rockville University graduate Denny Freezer. "One



Joe Jordan accepts congratulations from the Mayor and Council during the spring 2003 graduation.

of our fellow grads got so fired up by the course that she's now running for Rockville City Council."

Other graduates have remarked that the sessions have enhanced their understanding of the City.

"Rockville University is a unique way to meet fellow City residents, learn about the services and inner workings of our city, and visit places you didn't know existed," said spring 2003 grad Joe Jordan. "I discovered more about Rockville in this program than I did in the 18 years I've lived here."

New to Rockville University this fall are the addition of sessions about the local business community, the latest demographic trends that affect the community and an expanded historic overview presented by

local author and Peerless Rockville Executive Director Eileen McGuckian.

All students will select and complete a final project of their choice, based on their interest of City issues.

Rockville University is open to any Rockville citizen age 16 and older who is curious about the dynamics of Rockville's community. Class size is limited to 25 people, and participants must be able to attend most classes. In addition to the classes held on Thursday evenings, there will be two Saturday morning field trips to visit the Water Treatment Plant and selected neighborhood parks.

To register, call Dwayne Jenkins at 240-314-8343 or check www.ci.rockville.md.us/rockvilleu. **RR**



Coming in October: **Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show**

Saturday, Oct. 18 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Special Display Celebrating 100 Years of Ford
Free to Spectators • For recorded information call 240-314-5022
Located on the grounds of Rockville Civic Center Park
Baltimore Road and Edmonston Drive • 603 Edmonston Dr.

Unleashing Dog Days of A Hot Summer Sept. 6

On Saturday, Sept. 6, area pooches will have a chance to splash around at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center from 12 noon to 4 p.m. for a fundraising event called "Doggie Dip Day" — the first of its kind at the pool.

The recreation pool's final operating day — for people — is Sept. 1., so dogs will have a chance to enjoy the water all to themselves. All dogs must have current shots, with proper tags and identification.

"I'm really hoping this will be a community event," said Beth Fowler of the Swim Center, who is organizing the event. "We're trying to bring many local animal groups to-

gether to raise pet awareness."

The chlorine levels will be at minimal levels set by the health department, so dogs will be safe in the water.

A donation of \$1 per dog is suggested. Proceeds will go to the Montgomery County Humane Society. The day will also include off-leash demonstrations by the Rockville City Police, an appearance by the City's Golf Course Geese Chaser—Ben Hogan—and the Montgomery County Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit.

The Swim Center is located at 355 Martins Lane. For information call 240-314-8754. **RR**



The parking lot and adjoining retail center pictured above is the general location of the first phase of the planned redevelopment of Town Center.

City Moves to Acquire Business Townhouses, Corner Gas Station

Rockville took an important step toward moving forward with the Town Center Master Plan on Aug. 4 when the Mayor and Council unanimously approved acquisition of commercial townhouses located at 359 and 360 Hungerford Drive and a nearby gas station.

The properties are in the northeast corner of the 15 acres that will be developed as the first phase of the new Town Center. The properties will be acquired for public rights of way, public parking, sidewalks and related public improvements.

Development of the properties has been part of the master plan that was adopted in 2001. The properties were shown to have other future uses in the original draft design guidelines for Town Center that were first presented to the public in February. Letters of notification were delivered on July 24 by City staff to 23 tenants who operate businesses in the Hungerford Court townhouses and to the gas station at the intersection of Route 355 and Beall Avenue.

“We are going to work very hard to help these tenants relocate—whether they go to other permanent locations or if they choose to move elsewhere temporarily and then return to the new Town Center,” said Art Chambers, Rockville’s Director of Community Planning and Development Services.

“We have made good progress toward relocating tenants who occupy the shopping center on North Washington Street and we intend to be very fair with the operators

of the businesses in these townhouses and of the gas station.”

The townhouses and gas station are located within the 15 acres designated for the first phase of Town Center. That area is bordered by Beall Avenue on the north; Middle Lane on the south; North Washington Street on the west and Maryland Route 355 on the east. Eventually, Town Center redevelopment will expand to a total of about 60 acres.

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New Lights Help Save City \$1.2 Million

More efficient lights and a variety of other energy-saving measures are going to save Rockville more than a million dollars over the next 15 years.

At the General Session of Aug. 4, the Mayor and Council awarded Phase II of an Energy Performance Contract to Johnson Controls, Inc., which will result in a savings of \$1.2 million over a 15-year period.

Under a joint procurement agreement from the State of Maryland, the City selected Johnson Controls to implement, monitor, measure and guarantee energy conservation

measures that it identified during Phase I of the contract over the past year.

“They had some very creative and useful suggestions,” said Steve Mader, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities. “We are looking forward to working with them over the next few years to save the City some big money.”

Some findings of the study included using more efficient lighting throughout City buildings. New suggested compact fluorescent fixtures will enhance light levels, allow for a significant energy reduction and ad-

here to the Engineering Society’s illuminating light level standards, according to Johnson Controls.

Traffic lights also are included in the project scope. By retrofitting incandescent lights with energy efficient LED technology, Johnson Controls found that the City would not only save in energy costs, but also in long-term maintenance and operating costs.

Other energy conservation measures include new, more efficient heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, programmable thermostats in City buildings, and implementing direct digital control of mechanical systems. [RR](#)

TIP: Homeowners also can save money using some basic energy conversation tips, courtesy of the Maryland Energy Administration: www.energy.state.md.us/tips/residential/index.html.

MPDUs in Rockville

Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDU) are living spaces in large developments designated for allocation to individuals or families that may otherwise not been able to afford to either rent or own that property.

The City Charter requires Rockville developers to dedicate 12.5 percent of newly developed units (in a development that contains more than 50 units).

Recently there has been

press coverage about the MPDU program in Montgomery County. Although Rockville is located within Montgomery County, the City’s MPDU program is separate, and has successfully worked with developers to ensure that an appropriate number of MPDUs have been made available since 1999.

According to Crystal Belk, Community Planning and Development Administrator for the City, over the past four

years 199 units have been sold under the MPDU program and 256 units have been designated for rent.

The demand for MPDU units is much greater than the supply. For that reason an extensive waiting list has been created. To get on that list, a household must have a total income that is less than 60 percent of the area median and must live or work in the corporate City limits Rockville. For information, call 240-314-8200.

The following chart illustrates the breakdown of the developments:

MPDUs SOLD IN ROCKVILLE

2003: Falls Grove: 10 townhomes, 26 duplexes, 15 condominiums

2002: King Farm: 26 piggyback townhomes, 42 garden condominiums, 15 townhomes; Falls Grove: 12 townhomes

2001: Falls Grove: 25 townhomes; King Farm: 6 condominiums; Rose Hill: 16 single family homes

1999: King Farm: 6 townhomes

MPDUs RENTED IN ROCKVILLE

2003: Archstone: 34 multifamily; Congressional South: 52 multifamily

2003/2002: Falls Grove: 81 multifamily

2002: King Farm: 50 multifamily; Congressional Plaza: 22 multifamily

2000: King Farm: 17 multifamily

Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance

No, summer is not over, but it is time to start thinking snow.

After last winter’s incredible snowfalls, the City decided it was time to revisit the Snow Emergency Parking Policy. At the General Session of July 28, the Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance that contains new parking regulations during the time of a Snow Emergency.

The updates will ensure that damage to personal property is minimized and that the overall snow removal process is more efficient.

Conditions that lead to a Snow Emergency are significant, deep snow. The City will announce a Snow Emergency through local media. Information also will be posted on the

city Web site and on The Rockville Channel.

In the event that a major snowfall is expected, residents must be aware of the following:

- The City Manager invokes Snow Emergency parking restrictions
- The City may remove or impound cars improperly parked
- If a resident has a driveway, he/she must park all vehicles that will fit in that driveway
- If a resident does not have a driveway, or has more vehicles than will fit in the driveway, he/she may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs,

where house numbers are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the streets as one enters the cul-de-sac or court

- There will be no parking allowed in the “bulb” of the cul-de-sac or court.
- After the snowfall ends and the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles should be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side
- A fine of \$100 for a Snow Emergency parking violation will be incurred

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 240-314-8500. [RR](#)

New English Classes To Begin at Montrose

Success of Classes at Senior Center Inspires Program for All Residents

Before Nancy Kim began taking English classes at the Rockville Senior Center she was afraid to engage in simple conversations. Daily chores such as picking up the phone seemed impossible.

“I was very anxious,” said Kim, a native Korean. “I was afraid to talk on the phone. Now I am not. I will ask people to please repeat if I do not understand.”

This is the confidence through education that Marjorie Costa has instilled in her students since she began teaching English classes to non-English speakers at the Senior Center in 1992. Since then, Costa has seen Rockvillians from dozens of countries, speaking many different languages. In her current class there are natives of Iran, Poland and Israel, just to name a few.

“We all love this class,” said April Sun, a Chinese stu-



Providing free English classes to Rockville’s seniors has been a City priority for years. With the increasing interest and growing non-English speaking population in Rockville, and through a City grant, the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center is offering free classes at the Montrose Community Center to all adults of all ethnic backgrounds.

dent who has been with Costa for two years. “I have learned a lot. More than I can think.”

In these free classes, which meet twice weekly, students learn everything about En-

glish, including grammar, pronunciation, spelling, sentence structure and more. The classes are organized through the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center (CCACC) and are open to senior residents. Students are free to take classes as long as they feel the need. One student, Alicia Romero, a native Nicaraguan, has been with Costa since 1992.

With the success of the program, Wai-Yee Chan of the CCACC, with the help Ling Cheung and Vivien Kao of the CCACC, and support from the Mayor and Council, will conduct free English classes to non-English speakers this fall at the Montrose Community Center (451 Congressional Lane).

Enrollment for the Montrose classes is free, and open to all members of the community, not just seniors. There is a student limit of 25 for each class, and a fee for materials may be apply. These basic usage and conversational classes at three levels are scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 22.

“The reason we wanted to

start the program at Montrose is because the demand for such classes is so big,” said Chan. “The immigrant community is expanding, and this is the least we can do to help. Hopefully the students can learn to converse, and they will be able to go out into the community, to the store and other necessary places.”

The partnership that the City and CCACC developed has been instrumental in securing a link between many communities.

“This is such an important program,” said Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Program Manager for the City. “It’s a pleasure to work with the CCACC, and I’m excited that the English classes are available now in the Montrose area. It’s so important that adults have the opportunity to learn English.”

For more information about enrollment, contact Jacobs at 240-314-8303. **RR**

City Women on the Move Sept. 13

One of the best parts about living in Rockville is that there truly is something for everyone, as “Discover Rockville” emphasizes (see story page 6 of main section).

The Recreation and Parks program, “Women on the Move,” is exactly the type of group that draws raves from residents.

Women on the Move is an adventure group designed for women over age 30 who are seeking to try new activities and challenges. Activities for the group are announced in each of the quarterly City of Rockville Recreation Guides. Activities are open to women regardless if they live within the City limits.



Women on the Move is an adventure group for women over 30 years of age that travels around the area for hiking, kayaking and other challenging, yet fun, daytime activities.

According to Women on the Move leader and City Recreation Assistant Susan MacPherson Klise, the women who participate on the trips – usually day trips – love the time outdoors, the chance to unwind and the opportunity to develop new skills and meet new friends.

Each season MacPherson Klise offers trips geared toward novices who have a desire to become more physically active in the outdoors. The trips generally require physical effort, but participants are unanimous in saying the effort is worthwhile.

One participant, Heather Heiss, made a New Year’s resolution to challenge herself with new things, and Women on the Move helped her meet the goal.

“These trips take you from everyday life,” Heiss said. “You meet new people, and add an entirely new dimension to yourself. You’re no longer just an officer worker or mom, or whatever. The trips challenge you to do things you never thought you would do, and people start to see you differently. You see yourself differently. I am more confident with myself in every aspect.”

Each trip usually attracts between 15-20 women, although MacPherson Klise said she would gladly welcome more participants. Day trips have included cross-country skiing, kayaking, canoeing, horseback riding, hiking and

Protecting Against West Nile Virus

Extremely wet weather this summer has created conditions favorable for mosquito breeding, raising concerns about West Nile Virus. Mosquitoes can carry the virus.

It is important to note that there have been no reported West Nile Virus cases in Rockville this year. There are extensive monitoring programs in place throughout Maryland. Reports indicate that mosquitoes and birds with West Nile Virus have been located in most Maryland jurisdictions. The majority of people who contract the virus have no, or very mild symptoms, although the illness could lead to more serious effects.

The City encourages everyone to be vigilant in protecting against being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Use insect repellant when outdoors
- Reapply insect repellant frequently
- Try to avoid being outdoors for long periods of time, especially during early morning and dusk (considered high exposure times)
- Secure windows and screens
- Eliminate stagnant water sources around your home (collected water in buckets, puddles, etc.)
- Once a week, flush birdbaths, saucers under potted plants

and other necessary water areas

Water that is stagnant for about one week can breed mosquitoes. Mosquito eggs are laid on stagnant water and must go through a development cycle that requires them to remain in the water until they become adult mosquitoes. If they are deprived of the water at any time before adult mosquitoes emerge (whether it drains away, evaporates or is dumped), no mosquitoes will result.

Mosquitoes do not breed in moving water such as fountains, streams or in ponds that have water flushing through them frequently. Also, ponds stocked with fish do not breed mosquitoes. Fish eat mosquito eggs. City stormwater management ponds contain habitats that support natural mosquito predators such as dragonflies, aquatic insects, fish and birds.

Although birds carry the West Nile Virus, people cannot contract the virus from birds. However, as when touching any dead animal, it is advisable to wear gloves and to wash hands afterward. **RR**

The State of Maryland is no longer collecting dead birds, but Rockville’s Animal Control officers will respond to calls to remove dead birds. Residents should call 240-314-8930 to request a dead-bird pickup within the City.

**Coming up:
W.O.M. Hike
Sept. 13**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Starting with the 2003 City elections, Rockville will be publishing all election-related materials that appear in Rockville Reports and on the City Web site in Spanish as well as English. The 2000 United States Census demonstrated the increasing Spanish-speaking population in Rockville. The City wants to ensure all residents have as much information as possible concerning voter registration and information about the election itself.

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City Seeking Hosts For TV Debates

Organizations interested in sponsoring debates or forums televised on the City's cable channel this fall between candidates running for Mayor and Council in Rockville must submit applications by Sept. 10.

Organizations interested in hosting debates or forums must meet criteria stated in the City's Campaign Policy, which was adopted by the Mayor and Council in February of this year.

Although public debates and forums have long been a part of Rockville's election history, this will be the first time any of these events have been televised on The Rockville Channel (cable channel 11). The campaign policy provides for no more than three debates, with the candidates for Mayor and the candidates for Council debating separately. They are to be held no later than Oct. 23 to ensure adequate broadcast time on TRC-11.

The City policy does not affect debates or forums that are held without the goal of being televised on TRC-11.

Organizations applying to host debates or forums must provide an adequate site that meets television needs. The

events will be taped for later broadcasts from all venues except City Hall. Debates or forums held at City Hall could be televised live.

The campaign policy states an organization hosting a debate or forum must be an "independent, non-partisan organization that does not endorse candidates (such as the League of Women Voters) and focuses on citywide issues."

City staff is prohibited from being involved in the events, except for the television production aspect or in possibly providing facility space. There will be no editing of the productions, except for adding opening and closing graphics, transitions between multiple tapes or to correct technical problems.

If more than three groups apply to be hosts, all that meet the criteria will be placed in a random drawing to determine the three hosting groups.

For further information on hosting Rockville Mayor and Council candidate debates and forums, contact Assistant City Manager Catherine Tuck Parrish at 240-314-8103. **RR**

Debates Televisados

Las organizaciones interesadas en patrocinar esos debates o foros que se llevarán a cabo este otoño entre los candidatos que se postulan para Alcalde y el Consejo de la Ciudad de Rockville deben presentar las solicitudes antes del 10 de septiembre. Esas organizaciones deberán satisfacer los criteriosanciados en la Política para la Campaña Electoral de la Ciudad, que fue adoptada por el Alcalde y el Consejo en febrero de este año.

Aunque los debates y los foros públicos han sido desde hace mucho tiempo una parte de la historia electoral de Rockville, esta será

la primera vez que serán transmitidos en el Canal de Rockville (TRC-11). La política para la campaña electoral contempla debates o foros separados entre los candidatos a Alcalde y los candidatos al Consejo, con un máximo de tres encuentros en cada categoría. Los mismos se celebrarán el 23 de octubre, a más tardar, para asegurar suficiente tiempo para su difusión.

La política de la Ciudad no afecta a los debates o foros que no se organicen para ser televisados a través de TRC-11.

Las organizaciones que soliciten auspiciar los debates o foros deben disponer de un lugar adecuado que satisfaga las necesidades técnicas de televisión. Los actos serán

grabados para transmitirse posteriormente en todos los lugares de reunión, con excepción del Palacio Municipal de la Ciudad. Los debates o foros celebrados en el Palacio Municipal se podrán televisar en vivo.

La política de la campaña electoral establece que una organización que auspicia un debate o un foro debe ser "independiente, no partidaria, no recomendar a los candidatos y enfocar asuntos de interés de toda la Ciudad" (por ejemplo, la Liga de Mujeres Votantes).

Se prohíbe al personal de la ciudad participar en las actividades, salvo en aspectos de producción televisiva o, eventualmente, para proporcionar espacio en las instalaciones. No se editarán las producciones, pero se agregarán los gráficos de apertura y cierre, se harán las transiciones entre múltiples cintas de grabación o se corregirán problemas técnicos.

Si más de tres grupos solicitan ser anfitriones, todos los que satisfagan los criterios participarán en un sorteo para determinar los tres grupos patrocinantes.

Los interesados en obtener más información sobre el auspicio de debates y foros electorales entre los candidatos a Alcalde y el Consejo deben ponerse en contacto con Catherine Tuck Parrish, Directora Adjunta de la Ciudad, llamando al número 240-314-8103. **RR**

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Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays (unless otherwise noted) when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for September are:

- **Sept. 8** John Hall, Jr.
- **Sept. 15** Susan Hoffmann
- **Sept. 22** Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: www.ci.rockville.md.us. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Sept. 8 (Mon.)** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 15 (Mon.)** Public Hearing (tentative) and Worksession, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 22 (Mon.)** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 29 (Mon.)** Worksession, 7:30 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Commission on Environment (two)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)
- Traffic & Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

A Look Back

Recent actions taken by the Mayor and Council:

Hotel at King Farm: Earlier this year, King Farm Associates asked that the concept plan for the King Farm development be amended to allow for development of a hotel of up to 175,000 square feet. The hotel would replace up to 175,000 square feet of office space that was part of the original King Farm concept plan. A traffic study presented showed that even at 100 percent occupancy, a hotel would produce 26 percent less traffic during morning peak times and 18 percent less traffic during evening peak periods than an equivalent amount of office space. The Mayor and Council approved the plan change at their Aug. 4 General Session.

Uniwest Development Near Twinbrook: At their Aug. 4 General Session, the Mayor and

Council approved an ordinance that will annex into the City about 2.1 acres of land located at Twinbrook Parkway and Ardennes Avenue, near the Twinbrook Metro station. The site will be developed as a 150,000-square foot office building by Uniwest Group.

Settlement with Starpower: In 1999, Montgomery County (and the City of Rockville, as a co-franchiser with the county) granted Starpower a cable franchise in which the company agreed to construct an "initial franchise area" by September 2003 and an "extended franchise area" by September 2005. Economic hard times led to Starpower failing to establish a franchise area and establish cable competition in the City. The failure to fulfill the contract has led to the City and Starpower reaching a settlement agreement in which Starpower

will reimburse the City \$14,428 for costs incurred, will provide to the City free Internet services and high-speed lines and will provide additional benefits.

A Look Ahead

Upcoming issues to be addressed by the Mayor and Council:

East Rockville Neighborhood Plan: The East Rockville Neighborhood Plan Advisory Group has been working for more than a year to develop a long-term plan for the neighborhood. The plan is addressing the desire of residents to maintain their quiet and secure neighborhood. Also being addressed is the future development of areas such as the Stonestreet Avenue industrial corridor and the eastern portion of the Rockville Metro station property. The City's Planning Commission held a public hearing on the initial proposals on

Aug. 6. The Mayor and Council will hold a future public hearing on the plan.

NEXT STEP

- ✓ Public Hearing, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. (tentative)

Public Art in Private Development:

The City's Cultural Arts Commission has presented a proposal that would require developers to contribute a small percentage of construction costs in new developments toward public arts projects. Earlier this summer, the Mayor and Council asked that the proposal be reviewed by a task force that included representatives of all stakeholders on the issue. The suggestions of the task force will be discussed at a worksession with the Mayor and Council.

NEXT STEP

- ✓ Worksession, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

More than the Pike — ‘Discover’ Rockville

For a full month, Rockville is hosting a citywide open-house and everyone is invited.

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 20, and continuing through Oct. 24, Rockvillians and beyond will have a first-hand opportunity to explore the wide variety of Recreation and Parks programs, facilities and events that the City has to offer during the first-time event called “Discover Rockville.” Many of the events are free.

“This is such a comprehensive collection of everything in Rockville,” said Phil Bryan, City Superintendent of Recreation. “This is a great opportunity for people to see Rockville from a different perspective. Anyone who hasn’t visited a facility or attended a City program should jump in and check it out.”

The idea for “Discover Rockville” was developed in an effort to expose the benefits of City programs to those who may not be familiar with Rockville beyond 355, or the “Pike.” From arts and entertainment, to sports, to cultural events to community centers and beyond, there truly is something for everyone – from babies to seniors 100 and above.

In addition to the month-long schedule of events and on-the-spot door prizes and

SEPT. 20 - OCT. 24

MAKE A NEW DISCOVERY!

DISCOVER THE FUN

CITY OF ROCKVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS

SAT., SEPT. 20

Spirit of Rockville — Festival in Rockville’s Town Center

9 a.m.-4 p.m. 240-314-5022

Taste of Rockville, Farmers’ Market, children’s activities, art and crafts show, recreation class demonstrations, music and more!

SAT., SEPT. 20

Rockville Municipal Swim Center — Open House

12:30-4:30 p.m. 240-314-8750

Free swim, organized activities, contests, plenty of great fun!

SAT., SEPT. 27

RedGate Municipal Golf Course — Open House

9 a.m.-3 p.m. 240-314-8730

Tour facilities learn about amenities, pro shop, putting green, driving range, restaurant, free bucket of balls!

SAT., SEPT. 27

Twinbrook Community Recreation Center — Open House

2:30-6 p.m. 240-314-8830

Join the fun at an un-birthday party, enjoy a one-day fitness pass or activities in the gym!

SUN., SEPT. 28

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre — Open House

12 noon-6 p.m. 240-314-8690

Rockville Concert Band free performance, special Box Office hours, “behind the scene” displays!

SUN., SEPT. 28

Lincoln Park Community Center — Open House

12 noon-3 p.m. 240-314-8782

Performance by The Finest!, Tae Kwon Do class, weight training classes and more!

SUN., SEPT. 28

Rockville Skate Park — Open House

12 noon-8 p.m. 240-876-8620

Free skating and door prizes!

TUES., SEPT. 30

Rockville Senior Center — Open House

11 a.m.-2 p.m. 240-314-8800

Health screenings, class demonstrations, bake sale, plant sale, club booths and membership discount!

SAT., OCT. 4

Croydon Creek Nature Center — Open House

9 a.m.-5 p.m. 240-314-8770

Magic Show, meet live animals, enjoy a “make and take” activity, giveaways and surprises!

SAT., OCT. 4

Ride for Rockville “Lite” — Urban Bike Tour to Benefit Rockville’s Kids

8-9 a.m start 240-314-8626

15-mile route through neighborhoods and parks on low-traveled streets and paths, free water bottle and map!

SAT., OCT. 4

Rockville Climbing Gym — Open House

1-4 p.m. 240-314-8643

Giveaways, door prizes and climbing instruction!

SUN., OCT. 12

Glenview Mansion — Open House

1-4 p.m. 240-314-8682

U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble concert and Art Gallery reception!

SUN., OCT. 12

Rockville 10K/5K Run

8:30 a.m. start 240-314-8620

Registration at www.mcrrc.org (Montgomery County Road Runners Club)

SAT., OCT. 18

Antique and Classic Car Show at Rockville Civic Center Park

11 a.m-4 p.m. 240-314-5022

Special 100th Ford Anniversary display, auto flea market, concert, food vendors, great fun!

FRI., OCT. 24

Haunted Happenings at Rockville Civic Center Park

6-9 p.m./Family Fun 10 p.m./Late Show 240-314-5022

Drive-In Movie, Rockville Cemetery Tour, Croydon Creep Nature Center, Glow-in-the-dark Rock climbing and more!

For more information call the City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8620; Directions Hotline: 240-314-5047

Or check out the City of Rockville Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us

coupons that will surprise residents, the City has added an impressive giveaway of grand prizes including:

- Rockville Municipal Swim Center Annual Membership
- Recreation and Parks Free Summer Camp registration for 2004
- RedGate Golf Passes, Taylor-made Driver
- Birthday Party at Croydon Creek Nature Center
- Free weekday rental of Glenview Mansion or Meeting Cottage (based on availability)
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre tickets
- Fitness memberships for Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and Lincoln Park Community Center
- Lawnmower and landscape equipment
- Reconditioned Mountain Bike
- \$50 Gift Certificates to Recreation and Parks Classes

Each time visitors attend an event on the calendar, they will receive a chance for the drawing, which will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5. Participants do not have to be present to win. Winners will be posted on the City Web site and sent written notification.

For more information, call the City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8620. [RR](#)

‘Taste’ the ‘Spirit’ on Sept. 20

Mmm. Mmm. Good.

After last year’s success, the “Taste of Rockville” is back by popular demand, and this year’s event on Sept. 20 promises to be an even more flavorful addition to the Spirit of Rockville.

Featuring more than 20 of the area’s finest restaurants, the “Taste of Rockville” is the perfect way to identify favorite cuisines in and around the City.

“We had an incredible response after last year’s Taste of Rockville, which was the first year we tried it in the City,” said Special Events Coordinator Mike Henry. “And what better way to explore Rockville’s diversity than by experiencing the many, many foods in the area? I’m excited about the participants of this year’s Taste of Rockville.”

The Taste of Rockville, a key part of the overall Spirit of Rockville, is Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Middle Lane Parking Lot in

Town Center. The Spirit of Rockville festival will begin at 9 a.m.

Local vendors also will be on hand as part of the Fall Harvest Festival at the Farmers’ Market and Arts and Crafts Area. And to kick off the true spirit of fall, there will be pumpkin painting and scarecrow making.

Some local vendors have been participating in the event for years, even before the Spirit of Rockville made its way to Town Center last year. The Spirit of Rockville was previously held on the grounds of Glenview Mansion, separate from the Saturday Farmers’ Market.

“I thought it was a great idea to move it all together on the Saturday,” said Dave Dowling of Farmhouse Flowers and Plants, who has been participating for eight years. “This way everyone benefits by having it all right here.”

Another local participant

sees the networking benefit of this unique, local festival.

“We like to participate because it gives us a chance to get out there and meet people in the community,” said Daniel Beavin, Agency Manager of the Rockville Library. “It’s a great opportunity to let people know the resources we have here at the library, and to let them know that there will be a new library in Town Center.”

Another area that people will take advantage of during the Spirit of Rockville is the entertainment. This eclectic mix of dancers, singers and performers will take their turns on center stage throughout the day:

- Pan Masters Steel Orchestra
- Wong Chinese Lion Dancers & Drummers
- Culkin School of Irish Dancers
- Austrian Dancers
- Jeff Ball – Contemporary Native American Flute Music With Native American Dancers
- Mahala – South African Township Jive



There will be plenty of entertainment for everyone during the Spirit of Rockville on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The Arts and Crafts area will feature unique photos, jewelry, figurines, paintings and more from local artists on display and for sale. Rockville Arts Place will have demonstrations and artwork from member artists and hands-on children’s crafts available, including face painting and temporary tattoos.

From 12 noon to 4 p.m., the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 3 will feature live demonstrations and displays from local organizations.

Proceeds from the Taste of Rockville will benefit local organizations assisting with the event, including Rockville Community Ministries and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce. [RR](#)



FOREVER A MEMBER ... *State Senator Jennie Forehand (left) was recently honored at the Rockville Senior Center as an honorary lifetime member. Forehand becomes only the seventh member to have received the honor in the Senior Center's 21-year history. Forehand, who was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1978 and was elected to the State Senate in 1995, has continuously sought grants to help the center—including the grant that helped convert the then-closed Woodley Gardens Elementary School into the City's first senior activity center. The center now has more than 1,700 members. Pictured on the right is Senior Center Supervisor Jill Hall.*

In Brief

Sat. Farmers' Market

Produce is here. The Saturday Farmers' Market in the Middle Lane Parking lot each Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. features plenty of fresh, locally grown items. The wet start to the growing season has produced a boom of corn, tomatoes and plenty of other fruits and veggies that are available.

New to the Saturday Farmers' Market is a monthly entertainment series, which features live bands, children's activities, organic cooking demonstrations and coffee. Performing as part of the Fall Harvest Festival at the Spirit of Rockville on Sept. 20 is the Pan Masters Steel Orchestra. On Oct. 11, the Patuxent Partners will perform.

CALL **240-314-8604** FOR INFO

Adult Volunteer Mentors Needed

The City of Rockville's Division of Youth, Family and Community Services and College Gardens Elementary School are sponsoring a youth mentoring program for adults for the seventh consecutive year.

Volunteer mentors work one-on-one with students to develop academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share their general interests and strengths. The program is designed to improve participating youths' self esteem and confidence, help motivate at-risk youths, assist them with problem solving and teach life skills.

Workshops are provided to support the mentors, and there are field trips and picnics planned as part of the program. Mentors must commit for the school year and be available on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (with some flexibility). Mentoring begins in October.

For information, or to sign up, call Mandy Smith of the Division of Youth, Family and Community Services.

CALL **240-314-8318** FOR INFO

Nature Notions

Anyone looking for creative gift ideas may find the perfect item at Nature Notions, the environmentally friendly store at the Croydon Creek Nature Center.

On sale are moving butterflies, ornaments, recycled note cards, notepaper, stationery, singing stuffed animals (including birds, seals, whales, hyenas and elephants that when squeezed give their actual animal call), recycled denim pencils and plastic snakes. Croydon Creek Nature Center is located in Rockville's Civic Center Park.

CALL **240-314-8770** FOR INFO

Happy Birthday Mont. County Sept. 7

Montgomery County turns 227 this year and Rockville is the place to celebrate.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., join the City of Rockville, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Historical Society, Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and the Gazette Newspapers as they honor the county that was voted into creation by the

SAVE THE DATE

F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference • Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003

Maryland Constitutional Convention on Sept. 6, 1776.

Among the day's activities will be a history hunt, displays by local historic groups, living history presentations, exhibits, lectures, videos, music and birthday cake at the Beall-Dawson Historical Park (103 West Montgomery Ave. in Rockville).

CALL **301-762-1492** FOR INFO

Bicyclist Information Needed for Review

Anyone who bicycles in Rockville on a regular route is encouraged to contact the City's Bikeway Coordinator, as the City is currently in the process of reviewing the Bikeway Master Plan for updates. Input from those who bike in Rockville is extremely valuable.

The 1998 Bikeway Master Plan and the proposed updates to the plan are posted on the City Web site and comments are welcome until the end of September. Feedback and comments will be evaluated and incorporated into the revised plan before it is presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption.

Questions or comments can be directed to the City Bikeway Coordinator: bikeways@ci.rockville.md.us.

CALL **240-314-8626** FOR INFO

CITY
3,10,17,24 **OuttoLunch Wednesdays.** East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Farmers' Market, music, local vendors. 11a.m.-2p.m.

6,13,20,27 **Saturday Farmers' Market.** Middle Lane Parking lot in Town Center. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

12 **Volunteer Appreciation Party.** Glenview Mansion, 5:30 p.m.

13 **Women on the Move** heads east to hike Calvert Cliffs in Charles County. Day trip. For details call 240-314-8641.

20 **Spirit of Rockville.** Featuring the Taste of Rockville, Fall Harvest Festival, Arts and Crafts, entertainment, Rockville Fire Department Open House. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Middle Lane Parking Lot in Rockville Town Center.

25 **ARNA Neighborhood Conference.** Alliance of Rockville Neighborhood Associations hosts Maryland District 17 Delegation at Glenview Mansion at 7 p.m. 240-314-8344

27 **"Maryvale's Finest!"** Blast From the Past 1989-2003! Dancing, acting, costumes and laughter. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$10 general admission; \$5 seniors/children 10-under; \$7 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets: 240-314-8690; Info: 240-314-8633.

ARTS
7-30 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.** Enjoy the art of Carolyn Jean (assemblages) and David Douglas (digital prints). Opening reception: Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m. Artist Talk: Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. 240-314-8682.

7 **Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert** with Monumental Brass. 2 p.m. in the Conservatory. Free. 240-314-8682

september calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

8 **Rockville Chorus Audition.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Senior Center. 240-314-8682.

9,10,11,16,17,18 **Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra Auditions.** Call 240-314-8682 or e-mail kmoran@ci.rockville.md.us for more information.

NATURE CENTER
All programs at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Phone: 240-314-8770.

4 **Migration Magic.** Through stories, activities and a craft, find out what's flapping and flying to warmer climates. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6 years. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

10 **Tiny Tot Walk: The Very Busy Spider.** Explore the life cycle of the spider through story, songs and a hike. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 18 months-2 years. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

10 **Tyke Hike: The Very Busy Spider.** Explore the life cycle of the spider through story, songs and a hike. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5 years. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

13 **Preying Predators.** What insect prays and preys? A praying mantis. Search for this predator and learn all about its interesting abilities. 2-3 p.m. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

14 **Grasshoppers are Great.** One of the early signs of fall is the grasshopper. Learn about these jumpy creatures hands-on. 10-11 a.m. All ages. \$2 RES/\$3 NR.

17 **Fuzzy Sock Walk.** Explore the world of seeds, learning which ones fly, float and hitchhike by taking a fuzzy sock walk in the meadow and planting one. 2-3 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

19 **End of Summer Hike and Picnic.** MCPS has a free day, so take a hike, while learning about the plants and animals in the area. Lunch on some summertime favorites. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ages 5 years and older. \$7 RES/\$8 NR.

26 **Cloning — Genetically Altered Food.** A guest lecturer presents the pros and cons of genetics and the possibility of perfect health and well-being. A lively discussion is expected. 7-9 p.m. Ages 16 years and older. Free.

SENIORS
All programs at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

3 **September Birthday and Anniversary Party.** 1:30-3 p.m. Register by Aug. 27. Free.

3,4 **Right Click—Left Click.** 1-3 p.m. \$6 MEM. 1-3 p.m.

8-Nov.24 **Piecemakers' Club.** 12:45-2:45 p.m. Register by Aug. 28. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM.

9-18 **Internet** (Tuesdays and Thursdays). 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$20 MEM.

9,11 **Estate Planning.** 10:15 a.m.-12 noon. Free.

10 **Grand Drivers.** 10-11 a.m. Register by Sept. 2. Free.

10 **Greeting Cards—Make Your Own on the Computer.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$5 MEM.

10 **Good Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles.** 1-2 p.m. Free.

11 **Genealogy—Digging Your Roots** (Three sessions). 7-8:30 p.m. Register by Sept. 4. \$12 MEM/\$15 NM.

15 **Group Piano for Beginners.** 12:30-1:30 p.m. Register by Sept. 9. \$56 MEM/\$66 NM.

16-Oct. 21 **Spanish-Beginner II** (Tuesdays & Thursdays). 1-3 p.m. \$35 MEM/\$40 NM.

17-Oct. 22 **Coping with Hearing Loss.** (Wednesdays). 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. \$35.

17 **Classical Music Appreciation: The Charm of the Trumpet.** 1-2:30 p.m. Register by Sept. 10. Free.

18 **Glaucoma.** 1-2 p.m. Free.

19 **Meet and Greet—Local Author Series.** 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Sept. 12. Free.

22-Oct.22 **Clases de Computador en Espanol** (Mondays and Wednesdays). Call 240-314-8817.

23 **History Lesson: The Oregon Trail.** 10-11:30 a.m. Register by Sept. 11. Free.

23,24 **Woodworking: An Introduction.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Register by Sept. 10. \$40 MEM/\$50 NM.

25-Nov.6 **Watercolor: Advanced.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Sept. 12. \$43 MEM/\$54 NM.

25 **Chef Scores A Touchdown.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Sept. 12. \$23 MEM/\$30 NM.

26 **Cholesterol Screening.** Call 240-314-8810 for an appointment.

29 **Search and Rescue Dogs.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register by Sept. 22. Free.

30 **Arts and Crafts Preview.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Register by Sept. 22. Free.

30 **Carnation Players Star Search.** 3-4 p.m. Register by Sept. 16. Free.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
All meetings at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

6 **Board of Appeals.** 9:30 a.m.

9 **Rockville Seniors Inc.** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center.

9 **Human Services Advisory Commission.** 7:30 p.m. Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq.

10 **Cultural Arts Commission.** 7:30 p.m.

10 **Planning Commission.** 7 p.m.

17 **Rockville Housing Enterprises** (Housing Authority). 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Board Room, 14 Moore Dr., Rockville, Md. 20850.

18 **Historic District Commission.** 7 p.m.

18 **Rockville Sister City Corporation.** 7:30 p.m.

24 **Human Rights Commission.** 7:30 p.m.

24 **Planning Commission.** 7 p.m.

25 **Senior Citizens Commission.** 10 a.m. Rockville Senior Center.

25 **Recreation and Park Advisory Board.** 7 p.m. at King Farm.

Note: For Mayor and Council Meetings and Drop In, see page 5.

Rockville Up Close: Cultural Arts–Plenty on Their Palette

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

Quantifying the accomplishments of any of the City’s many boards and commissions would be a daunting task. The volunteer members of the 21 different groups work long hours to ensure that decisions made by the Mayor and Council are informed, current and appropriate. Therefore, their achievements can not always be measured by tangible achievements.

But one commission in particular did achieve major milestones in 2003—and the year is far from over.

According to the City Code, the Cultural Arts Commission, an 11-member body, “is responsible for encouraging the arts and culture in the City and

recommending to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities and utilization policies of facilities, which will add to the further development of Rockville as a cultural center.”

The commission, under the direction of Chairperson John Moser, is certainly doing its part to see the City Code through. In 2003 the commission oversaw and/or coordinated:

- Installation of “ColorPlay” at the Village Green at Fallsgrove
- Installation of “The Flow of Life” at Mary Trumbo Park in East Rockville (see story on page 4 of insert)
- Installation of “Sculpture On The Grounds” exhibit at the Rockville Civic Center Park

Additionally, the Mayor and Council introduced the Public Art In Private Development ordinance in January.

The ordinance proposes that developers set aside a percentage of construction costs for art in their projects.

A subcommittee, chaired by Councilmember Susan



‘ColorPlay’ at Fallsgrove is just one of the many accomplishments the Cultural Arts Commission oversaw during the past year.

Hoffmann, is scheduled to report back to the Mayor and Council in late September.

Perhaps the most comprehensive project the Commission faces is the current development of a Master Plan for Arts Activities in Rockville Town Center. The Commission feels that art is critical for Town Center—not only as part of the completed project, but as part of the transition.

Instead of leaving the construction site to cranes and work crews, the Commission wants to generate interest in downtown Rockville even

while work is going on.

One idea the commission is considering during construction is using the barrier fences as a canvas. Giving student artists an opportunity to paint the fences has been discussed.

Another idea is displaying an ongoing photo update of Town Center’s progress. The Commission has thought about a photo exhibit that records the Town Center progress each week.

Performing artists and other types of artists have also been discussed. [RR](#)



Volunteer Time: F. Scott Literary Conference

There are infinite ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations that could use assistance by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” will highlight a different volunteer opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

The annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference features workshops, panel discussions, famous and local authors, contests and an opportunity to indulge in the art of writing for a day with other enthusiasts. But the day-long event—Saturday, Oct.11, this year at Montgomery College in Rockville—would not be possible without volunteers whose time makes all the difference for the event.

“It really is a mutually beneficial opportunity for those interested in the literary arts,” said F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference President John Moser. “Volunteers have the day to absorb themselves with the arts, meeting the authors and attending some of the activities. And they free up the board members to do more hands-on work on the day of the Conference.”

Moser and the Literary Conference staff are looking for volunteers for this year’s conference, in its eighth year. Volunteers can help with day-of tasks such as meet and greet, breakfast preparation, working as guides and anything else the staff may need.

“It really is a full day’s worth of work,” Moser said. “But those who volunteer for at least four hours are invited to the conference.”

Pre-conference help also is needed on the administrative level as well.

Each year the conference honors a writer for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature, and this year features Pulitzer and Tony winner Edward Albee.

Interested volunteers should call 301-309-9461. Details are online: www.ci.rockville.md.us/fitzgerald/fsfmain.htm. [RR](#)

A ‘Fine’ Blast from the Past on Sept. 27

Sit back and reminisce with The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe on Saturday, Sept. 27, as it presents “Maryvale’s Finest! Blast From the Past 1989-2003.” The fall production promises to evoke laughter as the cast travels up and down memory lane, featuring past and present Maryvale’s Finest! members.

The Finest! originally started in 1989 with just seven members. Current Artistic Director and Choreographer Kashi-Tara Barrett has been there since the beginning, and has seen as many as 143 mem-

bers. The troupe is comprised of middle and high school-aged students who receive extensive training in acting, dance and other areas to sharpen their artistic talents. This year’s performance will include at least 30 performers, with special adult and staff appearances.

“I think people will be pleasantly surprised,” said Karen Rawlins of the City’s

Department of Recreation and Parks, and producer of the

performance. “We’ll be pulling scenes from past productions. I’m looking forward to seeing the talented people from the past and

present come together.” The co-director of the program is veteran actor Kelly Chauncey.

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— Karen Rawlins, Dept. of Recreation and Parks

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Mosquito Control	Air Quality Codes	Permit Process	Mosquito Control	Air Quality Codes	Permit Process	Permit Process
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council ▼	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▼
9 am	▼	Mosquito Control	Diversity in the City	Exploring Rockville's Past	Diversity in the City	Mosquito Control	▼
9:30 am	▼	Permit Process		Preserving the Past		Permit Process	▼
10 am	▼	Air Quality Codes	Senior Center	Mosquito Control	Permit Process	Air Quality Codes	▼
10:30 am	▼	Diversity in the City	Permit Process	Diversity in the City	Mosquito Control	Senior Center	▼
11 am	Cityline		Mosquito Control		Air Quality Codes	Preserving the Past	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission ▼
4 pm	Permit Process	▼	Air Quality Codes	Diversity in the City ▼	▼	Permit Process	▼
4:30 pm	Mosquito Control	Diversity in the City ▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	Permit Process
5 pm	Diversity in the City ▼	▼	Preserving the Past	Permit Process	▼	Preserving the Past	Mosquito Control
5:30 pm	▼	Permit Process	Senior Center	Mosquito Control	Online Frontier: Internet Safety	Mosquito Control	Every 15 Minutes
6 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
7 pm	Planning Commission ▼	Mosquito Control	Diversity in the City ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Exploring Rockville's Past	Mosquito Control	Senior Center
7:30 pm	▼	Mayor & Council ▼	▼	▼	Permit Process	Mayor & Council ▼	Permit Process
8 pm	▼	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Mosquito Control	▼	Mosquito Control
8:30 pm	▼	▼	Permit Process	▼	Diversity in the City ▼	▼	Diversity in the City ▼
9 pm	▼	▼	Mosquito Control	▼	▼	▼	▼
9:30 pm	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
10 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 pm	Mosquito Control	Permit Process	Mosquito Control	Permit Process	Air Quality Codes	Mosquito Control	Every 15 Minutes
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